Observation of National Sports Day

1433. SHRI KALRAJ MISHRA: Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

(a) what specific programmes and sports events were organized by Union Government to observe the National Sports Day; and

(b) the expenditure incurred thereon?

THE MINISTER OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS (SHRI SUNIL DUTT): (a) On the occasion of National Sports Day *i.e.* 29th August, 2004, the following programmes were organized:-

1. Organizing of "Run for Sports" involving volunteers from National Service Scheme (NSS), Nehru Yuvak Kendra Sangathan (NYKS), Sports Authority of India (SAI) Trainees and eminent Delhi based sportspersons.

2. Collection of funds for National Sports Development Fund (NSDF) through flag distribution.

3. National Sports Day was also organized by the Institutional/regional centers of SAI by organizing sports tournaments, races mass runs etc.

(b) The Government has spent an amount of Rs. 36,725/- on printing of 5 lakh flags through Directorate of Audit Visual Publicity (DAVP). The remaining expenditure has been incurred by a corporate sponsor.

Apart from the above, SAI has spent Rs. 3.12 lakhs in connection with the celebration of National Sports Day in their regional & fields units.

Anti Doping Steps

† 1434. SHRI KALRAJ MISHRA: Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

(a) the measures being taken by Government to ensure that no Indian

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.